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VD-HCBS in the News!

The Columbus Dispatch recently featured the success of the VD-HCBS program in Ohio. [Caregivers Help Ill Veterans Stay at Home](#) is an article highlighting how the program helps preserve the independence and dignity of veterans by allowing them to control the care they receive. It includes stories of some veterans who have been able to remain in their homes with support provided through VD-HCBS.

NWD Funding Announcement From ACL, CMS, and VHA

Recently ACL, CMS, and the VHA jointly issued a [Funding Announcement](#) to assist states in the planning of a No Wrong Door (NWD) System that will make it easier for all populations in need of LTSS to learn about and access the services and supports they need.

An informational call was held for potential applicants on June 5. A [Recording of the Call](#), the [Call Transcript](#), and [Frequently Asked Questions](#) are available. Funding applications are due July 15th.

Department of Education Rehabilitation Engineering Research Centers Opportunity

The Department of Education recently announced a [Grant Opportunity](#) aimed at enhancing independence in the daily lives of adults with cognitive impairment through technology. The Disability and Rehabilitation Research Projects and Centers Program provide funding to plan and conduct research, demonstration projects, training, and related activities, including international activities, to develop methods, procedures, and rehabilitation technology that maximize the full inclusion and

integration into society, employment, independent living, family support, and economic and social self sufficiency of individuals with disabilities, especially individuals with the most severe disabilities. The program is also intended to improve the effectiveness of services authorized under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. Applications are due August 4.

New Resources



[Secretary Greenlee's Blog Post on Elder Abuse](#) comes in advance of World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (June 15). In it she discusses the problem of elder abuse and how individuals and organizations can help to prevent and stop it.



[World Elder Abuse Awareness Day Toolkit](#) from ACL provides outreach guides, tools, fact sheets and other materials to help organizations observe World Elder Abuse Awareness Day on June 15. It is an opportunity to increase public awareness about this serious public health problem.



ACL, CMS, and the VHA held a teleconference on the [Transforming State LTSS Access Programs and Functions into a No Wrong Door System for All Populations and All Payers Funding Announcement](#). A [Recording of the Call](#), [Call Transcript](#), and [Frequently Asked Questions](#) are available.

Upcoming Conferences

The following conferences may be of interest to No Wrong Door Stakeholders. These are not sponsored by the ADRC-TAE or required. This is not intended to serve as a complete list. If you would like to see other conferences added to this list, please email us at ADRC-TAE@Lewin.com. Conferences later in the year can be found on the [ADRC-TAE Calendar](#).

n4a Annual Conference and Tradeshow, "Answers on Aging"

July 12-16, Dallas, TX

[Conference Website](#)

NCIL 2014 Annual Conference on Independent Living, "Prevail"

July 28-31, Washington, D.C.

[Conference Website](#)

NASUAD Annual HCBS Conference

September 13-18, Arlington, VA

Upcoming Events

1) Preferences for Care and Lifestyle as Expressed by Persons with Dementia

This webinar from the Alzheimer's Disease Supportive Services Program (ADSSP) Technical Assistance team will provide helpful, current, and applicable information for professionals who work with people with dementia and/or their caregivers. It will focus on how to identify activity preferences as reported by individuals with Alzheimer's disease and dementia.

*Thursday, June 12, 3:00-4:00 PM ET

*[Register in Advance](#)

2) Professional Development Webinars for Social Workers, Counselors, Registered Nurses & Other Healthcare Professionals

These free courses are offered through the Rehabilitation Research and Training Institute with support from the Medicare-Medicaid Coordination Office. Free CEUs are available. Register using the links below. See the Course links for full descriptions of all offered courses.

*Various Dates, 1:00-4:00 PM ET

*[Pharmacology and Developmental Disabilities Courses](#)

*[Geriatrics - Physical & Psychiatric Pharmacology Overview: June 12](#)

*[Growing Older: Implications for People with Intellectual Disabilities Courses](#)

*[Alzheimer's and Other Dementias: Functional and Behavioral Changes: June 16](#)

*[Aging in Place - Developing Appropriate Community-Based Supports: June 23](#)

*[Pain in People with Developmental Disabilities Courses](#)

*[Pain Management: June 19](#)

3) TBI Public Funding: Part II: Medicaid TBI HCBS Waivers

The National Association of State Head Injury Administrators (NASHIA) is holding webinars to help with the development and administration of services and supports, as well as to provide further opportunities to connect with other states, federal programs, and others involved in service delivery of brain injury. This webinar will focus on trends in State TBI Trust Fund programs. Presenters will provide an overview of state trust fund programs and methods for maximizing revenue resources through legislation and pooled funds.

*Wednesday, June 18, 1:00-2:00 PM ET

*[More Information and Registration](#)

TAE Tip of the Week:

Did you know that the ADRC-TAE website has information about state legislation and appropriations related to ADRCs? You can see the list organized by state on the [State Legislation and Appropriations](#) page.

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